

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Appln. No. 09/894,008

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

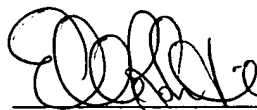
Claims 1-36 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 22-26 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Claims 27-26 are added by way of this amendment to clarify the clogging prevention aspect of the present invention (see page 30 of specification). No new matter has been added.

The Draftsperson has objected to the drawings filed on June 29, 2001, as noted in the PTO-948 attached to paper no. 4. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt and indicated approval of the Formal Drawings filed on September 28, 2001, which are believed to overcome the Draftsperson's objections.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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